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(MALOUF, RENE)

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1. MALOUF NOW REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND "HIGH OFFICIAL" IN STATE DEPARTMENT DURING PROPOSED VISIT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THESE REQUESTS MOTIVATED SOLELY FOR PERSONAL PRESTIGE AND THAT MEETINGS WOULD SERVE ONLY LIMITED PUBLIC RELATIONS VALUE. HOWEVER, COMPANY HAS SOME COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL AND WE SUGGEST DEPARTMENT MEETING WITH OMAN COUNTRY DESK OFFICER MOLINEAUX OR NEA/ARP DIRECTOR DICKMAN.

2. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND, AL-HARTHY TRIBE PROBABLY LARGEST AND AMONG MOST POWERFUL IN OMAN. SHAIKH ZAHER IS AMONG LEADIMO MEMBERS THIS TRIBE. LOCAL SOURCES REPORT HE RECENTLY RECEIVED \$1 MILLION FROM DUMEZ TRAVAUX OF FRANCE FOR REPRESENTATION SERVICES ENABLING DUMEZ TO CAPTURE TWO MAJOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. FIRM REPORTS IT REPRESENTS RENAULT, MACK TRUCKS, FEDDERS, OTHER COMPANIES. WOLLE

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